

**Amendments to the Specification**

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 12 at line 6 with the following:

~~While the~~ The electric vehicle of this embodiment is of a small size and relatively low speed type, ~~it may be of any other applicable type with four wheels.~~ Also ~~However,~~ the electric vehicle is not limited to a four-wheel vehicle but may be a three-wheel vehicle. The steering handle 6 is not limited to the link-like shape ~~extending between left and right but may be a steering bar or wheel~~ handle but may be a bar-like shape handle. In any case, the operation panel 5 shall be located at the front of the driver seat and ~~preferably~~ above the steering post 4.